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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
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Sir:

Submitted herewith is an Information Disclosure Statement for consideration in the above-identified application. In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 37 C.F.R. 1.97, and 37 C.F.R. 1.98, Applicants request that a citation and examination of the references cited on the enclosed PTO-1449 form be made during the course of examination of the above-identified application for United States patent. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.98, copies of any cited foreign patent documents and non-patent documents are enclosed.

Applicant has enclosed an English language abstract for certain of the listed patent documents. Applicant requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned if a complete English language translation of these patent documents is needed.

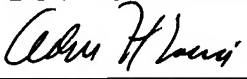
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  - ☒ Payment of the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(p); or
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- ☐ [ ] A copy of a Search Report from a corresponding foreign patent application is enclosed.
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Respectfully submitted,

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